

Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a FFRMS Floodplain and Wetland

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals on **7/23/2025**: This is to give notice that ~101~ has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 and Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection. The activity is funded under the Community Development Block Grant Program and administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) ERR #(CDV23-0048). T~100~ proposes the rehabilitation of four (4) lift stations including automatic transfer switch and control panel upgrades, mechanical upgrades, removal and replacement of lift station pump, piping, valves, and fittings, installation of emergency generator and all associated appurtenances. Additionally, install perimeter fence around lift station #3. The proposed locations are listed directly below:

Lift station #1 - near intersection of Black Point Dr. and West St.

Lift Station #2 - on 2nd St. near Park St. intersection;

Lift Station #3 - on Seagull Dr. near 1st St. intersection;

Lift Station #4 - 1798 1st Street.

The purpose of the project is to replace failing components at lift stations. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using the 0.2 percent flood approach. According to the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel No. **48391C0575D** effective date **9/26/2014**, the proposed project is within approximately 0.15 acres of the FFRMS Floodplain. According to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) National Wetlands Inventory, the proposed project is also located within approximately 0.1 acres of designated wetland code **R4SBC** wetland.

The natural and beneficial functions and values of the floodplain and wetland potentially affected by the proposed activity include floodwater storage and conveyance, groundwater recharge, erosion control, surface water quality maintenance, biological productivity, fish and wildlife habitats, harvest for wild & cultivated products, recreational, educational, scientific, historic, and cultural opportunities. The Town of Bayside has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial functions and intrinsic values of the existing floodplain and wetlands: locations outside and not affecting the FFRMS floodplain or wetlands, alternative methods to serve the identical project objective, and a determination not to approve any action proposing the occupancy or modification of a floodplain or wetland. The practicability of alternatives considered the natural, social, and economic values of each alternative.

The alternatives considered were not chosen because they would fail to address would allow health, safety, and environmental violations to persist. The Town of Bayside has reevaluated the alternatives and has determined that there is no practicable alternative to locating the proposed project in the FFRMS floodplain and wetlands. The proposed project must be located within the floodplain and wetland due to the necessity of aligning with existing infrastructure and to meet critical service requirements for the surrounding community.

The best action is to proceed with the project as planned utilizing the following mitigation measures to minimize. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988 and Executive Order 11990 are available for public inspection, review, and copying upon request during regular business hours at the City Hall. There are three primary purposes for this notice: (1) People who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas; (2) An adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas; and (3) As a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk. Written comments must be received on or before **7/30/2025** by the Town of Bayside at 909 1st Street or P.O. Box 194, Bayside, TX 78340-0194, (361) 529-6520. Attention: Sharon Scott, Mayor. A full description of the project may also be reviewed during regular business hours at 909 1st Street, Bayside, TX 78340-0194. Comments may also be submitted via email to baysidecityoffice@att.net CC: jacqueline.six@grantworks.net.